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Rens Knegt Lauds Aruba's Government for its Vision and Courage

ORANJESTAD -- One of the speakers at the recent Aruba Green Conference was former Dutch government representative to Aruba, Rens Knegt. Knegt is currently director of "ENECO Shared Energy Solutions," a well-known energy company in the Netherlands.

Knegt delivered a captivating speech at the Green Conference. He explained that the goal of his company is to provide sustainable energy to every individual. And, that this, he claims, is a daily battle his company has to deal with. For that reason, he said, every so often he can be a bit

provocative with respect to the strategy of the Dutch government.

According to Rens Knegt, the "Green Peace" Organization has remarked that his company is the greenest company of the Netherlands. His is a very small company in the European Union, but very big in Holland. Their investment is gigantic... a whopping 5 billion euros. Like many of the other speakers, Knegt is of the opinion that most of the combustible fossil fuels are derivative from politically unstable countries. And, if we are to become less dependant on fossil fuels and work towards creating a cleaner environment, we have got to pursue alternative energy sources. Knegt, emphasized that what the world needs is not some "green deal" but a Delta plan.

He lauded the Aruba government and its leaders as being visionary and ambitious, having great courage to implement their vision. He compared Aruba with John F.



Kennedy when he showed vision, great ambition and courage with the announcement of the man on the moon project.

When we observe the global problems confronting us today with climate change from the perspective of food water and energy, we must have vision, ambition and courage. This is what I admire so much about Aruba, said Dutch expert Rens Knegt. He concluded his remarks saying that Arubans have these qualities in their leaders!

Cain bid in the balance as US sex scandal grows

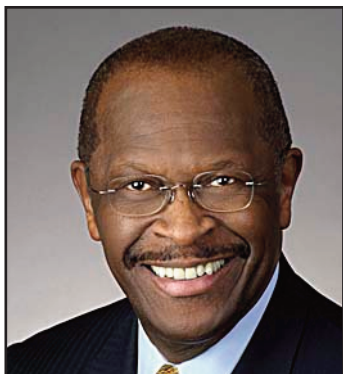
WASHINGTON (AFP) - Republican Herman Cain's bid for the party's presidential nomination was hanging in the balance yesterday amid growing allegations of sexual harassment, which he has dismissed as a smear campaign.

Cain, who has had a meteoric rise in the polls and now leads in the battle to be crowned the Republican's presidential nominee, insists he is innocent of harassing two women when he was the National Restaurant Association president between 1996 and 1999.

But US media reported that one of the women may break her silence, amid a legal move to override a confidentiality agreement made as part of a apparent paid settlement.

And a Republican pollster, who is supporting Texas Governor Rick Perry's rival presidential campaign, also revealed that he had personally witnessed Cain acting inappropriately back in the 1990s.

"I was actually around a couple times when this happened... so many people were aware of her situation and the fact that she left after this," Oklahoma political consultant



Chris Wilson told CNN.

"Everybody knew at the campaigns, with every campaign, that this would eventually come up," Wilson added, saying the incident happened at a Virginia restaurant.

But Wilson denied being the source of the story about the harassment allegations which first broke on Sunday on the Politico website, amid a wave of finger-pointing over who was really behind the leak.

The normally smooth-talking Cain appeared rattled Wednesday as he left a campaign event, telling reporters: "What part of 'no' don't dumb people understand?"

"There are factions that are trying to destroy me, personally as well as this cam-

paign," he blasted later at an event in northern Virginia.

"But there is a force greater at work here that is much greater than those that would try to destroy me and destroy this campaign and this journey to the White House. And that force is called the voice of the people."

Political experts said it was too early to say if the allegations would ultimately prove Cain's undoing as he bids to take on Democratic President Barack Obama in the November 2012 elections.

Washington news website Politico said on Sunday that two women had been paid off by the National Restaurant Association after accusing Cain of sexual harassment.

Cain belatedly conceded on Tuesday that he was aware that one woman, an employee of the association, had received a paid settlement, but denied any knowledge of the second alleged case.

His stumbling response, which has included several contradictions, has raised doubts about the political outsider's ability to campaign under the harsh glare of the media spotlight.

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Aruba to make history with an innovative barrio!



ORANJESTAD -- Just recently, the government of Aruba signed an agreement with the renowned TNO Dutch institution, to do research on various technologies and especially alternative technology. This will entail some ambitious projects for Aruba. It is expected that these technological projects will showcase Aruba internationally.

During a recent press conference, Minister of Environment and Infrastructure, Benny Sievinger, outlined a few of the projects discussed under the agreement with TNO. One such project is the creation of an innovative barrio.

It is expected that TNO will make a giant contribution to the island. They are planning to sit down with FCCA (Aruba

People's Housing Program), and other developers to create a unique barrio as a sort of "Living Lab."

This is expected to be a technological barrio where various technological projects will be tested, such as through the use of the sun, wind and other elements that can be used domestically to reduce electric power consumption.

This new barrio will be showcased to the world. This is going to be their very first project. This new barrio will demonstrate to the world how we can reduce our dependency on fossil fuel and reduce the cost of electricity. The government also has a particular vision with respect to building structures on the island.

Regarding buildings, Sie-

vinger pointed out that the rumor of the government taking over the Brenchi Arends building is a false rumor...that the government is in the process of purchasing the old Brenchi's building. According to Sievinger, the government has a management perspective for the center of Oranjestad and for San Nicolaas with respect to building structures. They believe that these building structures can be economically beneficial to the island.

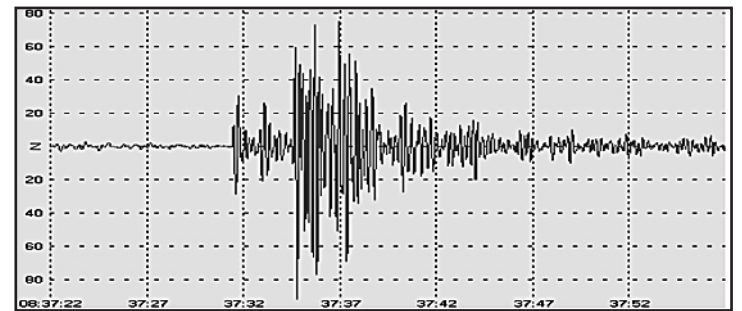
Sievinger intimated that if we believe that bringing Rietveld Art Academy to Aruba is beneficial to Aruba, we should want them to be established in the center of Oranjestad where their presence would create more activity and the traffic of people to the city center so as to increase sales for our mainstreet businesses.

It is in this context that the government considers reconstructing old abandoned buildings, for example in the Wilhelminastraat.

According to the Minister, if the owner of a building is refurbishing an old or empty building and the government can lend a hand by securing such a building for the Rietveld Academy, this will be beneficial both to the owner as well as to the barrio.

Likewise, the government is intent on refurbishing their own buildings. They have already begun drawing up the blueprints for the John F. Kennedy building. The Census Bureau, for example, will be moving to the old DOW building, once this is repaired. Then, this week a public tender will be issued for the old Tax Office building. The government is attempting to reduce the monies they are spending on the rent of different buildings.

Aruba Weather Review



ORANJESTAD -- The month of October was a "wet" month for Aruba even with a slight tremor.

At the Meteorological Bureau we registered a total of 173.6 mm of rain water. This was about 167% above the normal rainfall for Aruba. There were 10 days in the month of October with an average rainfall of 1mm.

Between October 13 from as early as 8:00 in the morning up until October 14, 8:00 o'clock that next morning a total of 91.6 mm of rainwater fell on the island, which was more than normal for the entire month of October. That amount of rain was a new record for the amount of water registered in a 24 hour period for the month of October.

Said rainfall was related to a local torrential rain hovering over a specific area on the island. Other parts of the island remained dry with no rain. Be-

cause the winds were very mild the rain clouds were not moving and this caused a heavy rainfall around the airport.

Around October 24th there were strong tropical winds East of Bonaire. Atmospheric signals indicated that Aruba would have gotten heavy rains, fortunately the system weakened and instead moved to the North. Hence, the result of this was that Aruba was spared heavy rainfall.

The conditions in the Pacific and Atlantic regions continue to present the possibility for heavy rainfall in the upcoming months....November through to January 2012.

On October 31st 2011 at 4:37 am the Weather Bureau registered a tremor of a magnitude of 2.2 Mw at 12.475N, 70.188W or 20 Km Southwest of this Bureau. Several citizens felt this tremor at different locations on the island.



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Labor Force Survey on local labor situation has begun in earnest

ORANJESTAD -- The Department of Labor & Investigation recently announced their annual survey scheduled to take place from October 31st to November 27th. Survey staff will be visiting every barrio on the island and will cover some 2000 select addresses using a scientific format to collect information regarding the Aruban labor force.

The primary objective of the survey will be to give us a complete and actual view of our labor market for 2011. This is an important indicator; actually, they consider this a very important indicator. The data collected will indicate the level of unemployment on the island as well as the level of unemployment under the youth

(ages 15 to 24) for 2011. According to the Department of Labor, the work force on Aruba begins at age 14 on up. (Editor: this seems to contradict the law which reportedly prohibits the employment of persons under the age of 16/18).

This Labor Force Survey is a survey that is conducted in different countries around the world. It is a method to collect information regarding the population that is economically active or inactive with respect to the guidelines set by ILO (International Labor Force). Those that are economically active are persons of any sex who are employed or are actively seeking employment during the period of the survey (Oct.31st

and onward). These persons together comprise our labor force.

In principle, the statistics of a survey should include everyone in the labor force. However, practically, it is customary that in a survey of this magnitude it becomes impossible to reach every citizen individually. This is also the case for surveys of this sort internationally. Hence, in order to get a good view of the situation, a so-called "sample" is taken. A sample is a statistical method whereby through the use of computers an aleatorial selection is made.

Said selection will be based on the registered labor force and in keeping with different characteristics which

are measured and representative of every sector on the island.

The sample method is one that is used internationally with the results of such samples being determined scientifically.

For the entire process of this survey here, the Department of Labor & Investigation is pleased to have the cooperation of the Central Bureau of Statistics assisting them. The CBS did a so-called "random systematic simple" honed from their Geographical Information System. The CBS has much experience and expert knowledge of sampling and investigative techniques with large scale surveys and research.

In order to conduct this

sampling in the most reliable manner possible, they chose for a total of 2000 addresses. This, they believe is a large enough number to provide an accurate view representative of the entire labor force on Aruba.

The results of such a scientific sampling will provide us with an accurate view of the economic situation of the population.

It is expected that the community will lend their cooperation to render this survey successful and provide us with reliable results.

For more information regarding this survey, please refer to their brochures on the subject, or visit the offices of the Department of Labor & Investigation.




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Halloween at Paseo Herencia was Spooktacular!



Honored visitors at the Renaissance Ocean Suites



Recently were honored as Ambassador of Goodwill of Aruba Mr. Bob and Mrs. Kathleen Tanskey from Colonia, New Jersey. The Tanskeys have been coming to Aruba for over 20 consecutive years and are loyal members of the Renaissance Ocean Suites. According to the couple, they just love the island so much and one of their favorite places is the Renaissance island. Mr. Ernest Giel, representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, together with Mr. Tino Daal of the Renaissance Ocean Suite presented the Tanskeys a beautiful certificate as a 'thank you' gesture.



Since they first opened their mall, Paseo Herencia in Palm Beach has been making various holidays special for islanders, and a particular favorite is their annual Halloween bash, especially for the young ones. All the shop owners get involved, providing plenty of treats for costumed youngsters as they make the rounds Trick or Treating, and it is a delightful evening for all involved.



Paseo Herencia General Manager Valerie Pietersz-Camacho, a mother herself, observed "I have never seen so many kids participant before; we must have had nearly a

thousand come with their parents, and everyone single one of them was adorable."

Families were treated to a "Not so Scary" Halloween with candy apples, fun activities like a Dino Jump and bumper boats, a circus type show with clowns and local dance groups.

The management expresses their thanks to one of their newest stores, Aletronics, which provided the prizes for the top three costumes. A classic but creative Mummy, Headless Horseman and what can only be described as a Casino Cutie in her dress made of playing cards, went home with games for the Nintendo and PS3 3D and Wii consoles.

Paseo Herencia offers nightly and weekly family entertainment, but when it is holiday time is when they truly show their community spirit with great activities for all ages. "Halloween in particular is as much fun for us as the kids," commented Candy Rasmijn, Marketing Director, "we can't imagine letting this festive occasion go by without doing something special. This year it was especially rewarding."

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Occupy Wall Street protestors flood into court



Occupy Oakland protestors march towards the Port of Oakland to shut down the facility as they call for a city-wide general strike

NEW YORK (AFP) - Occupy Wall Street protestors in New York moved their fight from the street to the court Thursday, when dozens of people arrested while marching rejected a deal that would allow them to avoid trial.

The first batch of 78 protestors from among hundreds arrested for disorder over the last six weeks filed into New York State court, nearly all of them telling a judge that they were

innocent and demanding a jury trial to clear their names.

Prosecutors had offered a deal in which protestors would see charges dismissed provided they kept out of trouble for six months. The mass refusal raised the prospect of protestors clogging up a court system that will be obliged to provide each defendant with a trial lasting approximately a day.

"There's a general push," said Joshua Lewis, 23, after re-

jecting the deal, known in legal terms as an adjournment in contemplation of dismissal, or ACD.

Like the others processed Thursday, Lewis was arrested on September 24 during a march in Manhattan's Union Square area.

Many more have been arrested in other incidents since then, including hundreds during a march across Brooklyn Bridge. They have not yet entered the court system.

Protestors in court said their refusal to take the deal was a matter of principle.

The protestors are charged mostly with disturbing the peace and resisting arrest. Trials could start as early as January 9.

Anyone found guilty faces a maximum of 15 days behind bars, although the sentence would typically be no more than community service or a fine, lawyers said.

The surge in the courts comes as the Occupy Wall Street movement faces growing challenges.

In Oakland, California, a small group of protestors turned violent, throwing rocks and bottles at police, who responded with tear gas.

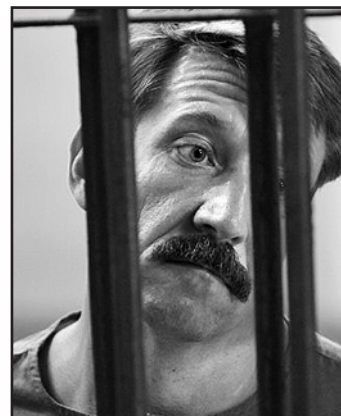
And in New York, where the movement started as a demonstration against government bailouts of Wall Street giants, pressure is building for an end to the protest tent camp occupying a downtown square.

On Wednesday, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the camp's effect on local businesses was becoming a problem.

The protest camp has also been marred by reports of unsavory behavior, including protestors urinating in the streets, theft and sexual abuse.

New York media reported Thursday that a man had been arrested for allegedly groping a woman at the park and was suspected in other incidents.

Russia blasts US 'merchant of death' verdict



Viktor Bout, dubbed "the merchant of death"

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia said it had grave doubts about the guilty verdict handed down by a US jury to a Moscow businessman dubbed "the merchant of death" for his global arms trafficking.

The larger-than-life tale of Viktor Bout -- a 44-year-old who spoke multiple languages as he criss-crossed Africa and some of the world's most remote hot spots -- inspired the 2005 Nicolas Cage film "Lord of War".

But Bout was ultimately found guilty by a New York jury of conspiring to sell a huge arsenal to individuals designated as terrorists by Washington and to kill US service personnel.

The Russian foreign ministry saw the case very differently and angrily accused US authorities of breaking international standards during both Bout's arrest and interrogation.

It said pressure from the White House and poor prison conditions in Manhattan "put in doubt the very basis on which the charge was made and, accordingly, the fairness of the verdict itself."

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said he expected Bout's case to be discussed when President Dmitry Medvedev meets US counterpart Barack Obama for talks at a summit of Asian states in Hawaii this month.

Bout, a former military translator looked despondent in a grey suit with a white shirt as he listened to the jury forewoman read out the verdict reached after fewer than eight hours of deliberations over two days.

Bout could spend between 25 years and life in prison after his February 8 sentencing. His lawyers immediately promised to appeal and the Russian consulate offered continued legal assistance.

Analysts said Russia is particularly nervous about Bout's jailing because of his suspected links with the country's military intelligence service and possible ties to arms trade officials who remain at their posts to this day.

Bout was arrested in Thailand after being caught in a tape-recorded US sting operation and extradited for trial in 2010. He is not targeted by any legal proceedings at home and lived in the open in Moscow.

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Jackson doctor evidence 'overwhelming': prosecutor

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Evidence against Michael Jackson's doctor Conrad Murray is "overwhelming," a prosecutor said in closing arguments in the manslaughter trial Thursday.

Assistant District Attorney David Walgren said Murray, charged with involuntary manslaughter in Jackson's 2009 death, violated a "sacred trust" between doctor and patient and caused the death which left the pop star's three children fatherless.

"The evidence in this case is overwhelming... that Conrad Murray acted with criminal negligence, that Conrad Murray caused the death of Michael Jackson, that Conrad Murray left Prince, Paris and Blanket without a father.

"For them this case doesn't end today or tomorrow or the next day, for Michael's children this case will go on forever, because they do not have a father," he said.

And he added: "They do not have a father because of the actions of Conrad Murray."

Murray, 58, is accused with causing Jackson's death by giving an overdose of the surgical anesthetic propofol, combined with other sedatives, on June 25, 2009 to help the King of Pop sleep.

The defense has argued that Jackson was a desperate drug addict who caused his own death by taking more medicines while Murray was out of the room at the star's rented mansion in Los Angeles.

But Walgren said the doctor was in charge, and could not escape the responsibility for the drugs which killed Jackson.

"The doctor is the decision maker. The doctor is the one entrusted with medical knowledge... who at the end of the day makes the decision... (for) the well-being of the patient.

"A doctor has a... solemn obligation to first do no harm... Conrad Murray violated that sacred trust each and every day," he added, speaking directly to the seven-man, five-woman jury.



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Biggest public sector union backs November walkout

LONDON (AFP) - Britain's biggest public sector union on Thursday voted to back a national strike on November 30 over pension reforms, despite the government offering several changes to try to avert the action.

Unison, whose members include nurses, social workers, care assistants and police staff, said 245,358 of its members

voted in favour of the walkout, with 70,253 against.

"The decisive 'yes' vote in the ballot reflects the deep concern that our members have over government ministers' proposals for their pensions," said the union's general secretary, Dave Prentis.

Unison sent out 1.1 million voting papers to its members - the biggest ballot in union

history -- with a strong recommendation to back the strike.

On Wednesday, ministers laid out several changes to the proposed reforms, but while Prentis said it was a "marked improvement" on earlier proposals, they did not go far enough for the union.

"We support the Trades Union Congress' day of action on November 30, but will be

negotiating right up to then and beyond to get a fair deal for our members," he said.

"I urge the trade unions to devote their energy to reaching agreement and not to unnecessary and damaging strike action."

Trade unions have dubbed the November strike as the biggest mobilisation of state workers for a generation.

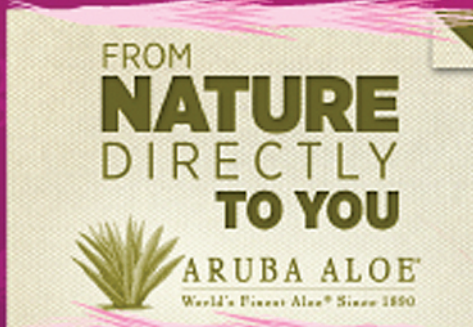
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Her new collection showcases Traffic People, whistful, romantic and incredibly feminine, using lots of soft silks, vibrant colors and vintage looks.

This season's collection is spotlighting the English design houses, with Nex and other covered brands. She also has unique, one of a kind hand painted dresses and accessories, perfect for a Aruba's tropical surroundings. However, she also has the most adorable selection of singularly styled sweaters that are perfect for fall or cozying around the fire-place or during the holidays or hosting a glamorous year end party.

MARIO HERNANDEZ:

Famous throughout Latin and Central America for quality leather accessories and luggage, the newest Mario Hernandez collection offers the ultimate in stylish statements for both men and women

Just a short time ago, the design house created an extremely attractive new line

featuring the art of William DeBilzan, noted American artist whose work is often seen adorning the chic homes of television characters; he has popular galleries in both Florida and California and his work is exhibited in over 28 galleries across the U.S. and Europe.

Mario Hernandez has been creating and designing products for over 30 years; his name is synonymous with manufacturing excellence and innovation in design.

The classic "Chrysylis" collection, created for the MH 25th anniversary, is ever-popular, with new and stunning items being added to create lovely, feminine accessory ensembles.

KOK OPTICA:

THE SOURCE in Aruba for the most in-demand designer glasses and sunglasses, their Paseo Herencia shop is specialized in sunwear and has all the top designer brands. The latest from Emilio Pucci and Porche will be on display this coming Sunday morning during the ARUBA IN FASHION swimwear show around the pool deck of the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino. Kok Optika has all the looks you want to wear to protect your eyes from Aruba's intense sun, while perfectly complementing your stylish resortwear.

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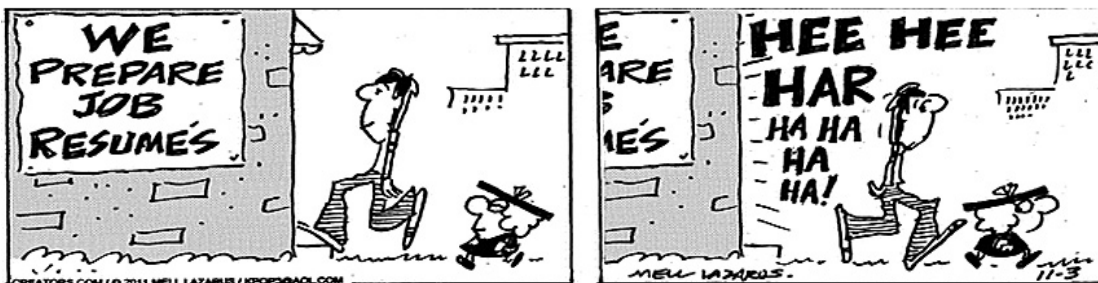
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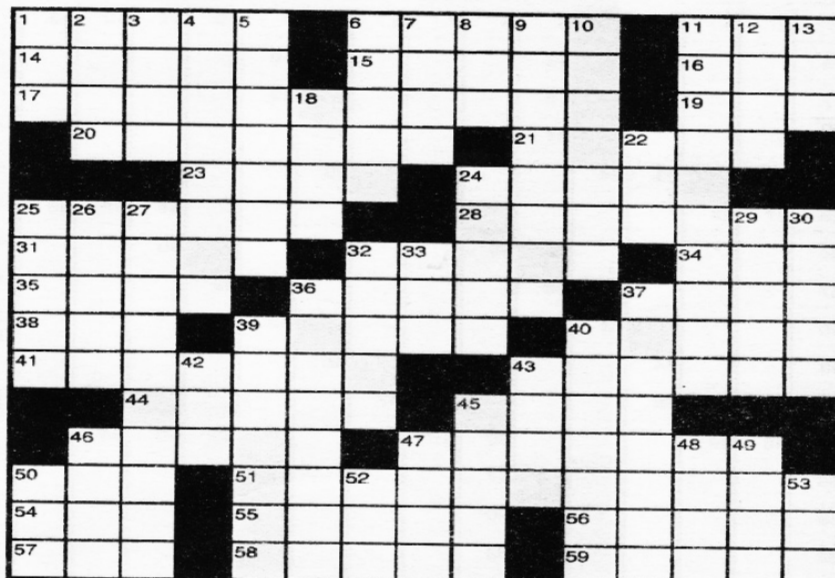
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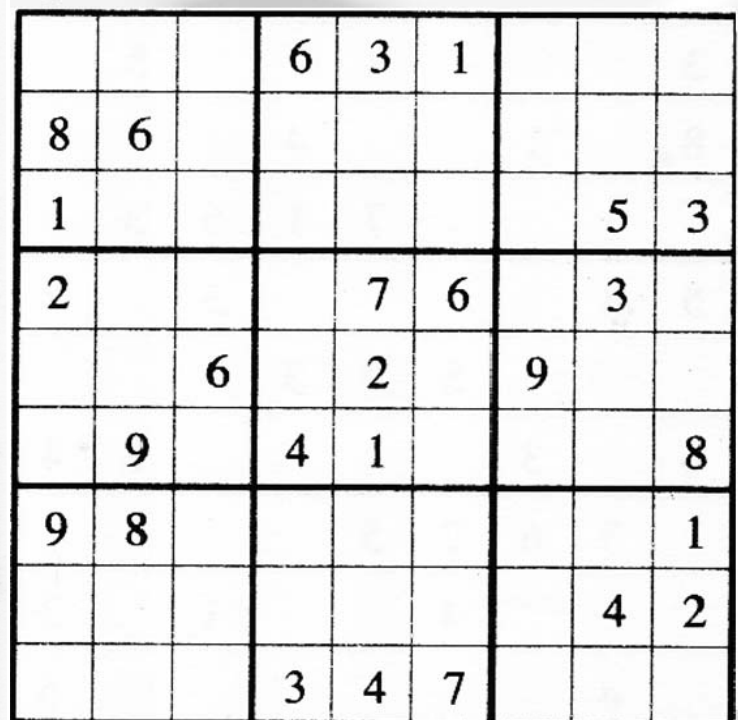
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G20 to agree to boost IMF war chest

CANNES (AFP) - The world's biggest economies will agree to increase the International Monetary Fund's resources to help tackle the European debt crisis, officials at the Group of 20 summit said yesterday.

Countries will be allowed to make voluntary contributions to boost the war chest of the IMF, the world's lender of last resort, said sources close to the negotiations at the G20 meeting in Cannes, France.

"States that wish to, can, from around the autumn of 2012, raise their bilateral participation in IMF resources," said the source, quoting a paragraph from the G20 declaration, to be issued today at the end of their summit.

The IMF currently has around \$400 billion (291 billion euros) at its disposal but there have been growing fears

that it is too small to tackle a crisis that could force Greece from the eurozone and drag down Italy.

British Finance Minister George Osborne had earlier confirmed that the G20 leaders had discussed increasing their funding for the 187-nation organisation, although he declined to confirm the deal or give any figures.

"The international community has also accepted that it needs to address the general global economic situation and there is a debate that has begun, but not concluded, about increasing resources to the IMF," Osborne told reporters.

"There are certainly no numbers yet and I suspect that those discussions will not conclude until tomorrow," he said.

Australian Prime Minister

Julia Gillard said that talks would continue "through the night" on the extent of measures to boost the IMF.

The Washington-based IMF's resources were boosted by a deal in 2010 which doubled the amount paid into the fund by its biggest-contributing member states, which include the United States and Britain.

That agreement was meant to take effect a year from now but several national parliaments have yet to ratify it, so in the meantime member states have made temporary resources available to the IMF through lending agreements.

But under the deal in the communique, the temporary arrangements will become permanent if the member countries chose to make them so, the source said.

Greek PM says ready to drop referendum

ATHENS (AFP) - Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou yesterday said he was ready to scrap plans for a referendum on an EU bailout plan, as top European leaders continued to pile the pressure on the embattled leader.

As Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos cautioned that Greece needed by December 15 an eight-billion-euro (\$11-billion) slice of aid put on ice since the prime minister's shock announcement, Papandreou resisted fresh calls to re-

sign.

"The referendum was never an end in itself," Papandreou told an emergency cabinet meeting called a day after angry EU leaders summoned the prime minister after being wrong-footed by the referendum plan.

Papandreou's apparent change of heart emerged after the conservative opposition -- which had vehemently objected to the government's loan agreements with its creditors -- said it would support the 100-

billion-euro EU bailout.

"We had a dilemma -- either true assent or a referendum. I said yesterday, if the assent were there, we would not need a referendum," Papandreou said, according to a statement from his office.

"We must hail the fact that (main opposition party) New Democracy will vote for the loan deal."

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Fears of Europe spillover hit second US firm

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Worries that Europe's economic crisis may engulf US financial houses spiked yesterday, with shares in investment bank Jefferies pummeled amid speculation about its exposure to EU debt.

Just days after the collapse of broker MF Global, investors turned their attention to Jefferies Group, pushing its shares down 7.5 percent and forcing management to deny the firm was in peril.

The fear over Jefferies was sparked after a ratings downgrade by Egan-Jones Ratings, citing a document that appeared to show Jefferies exposure to Europe in the order of \$2.7 billion. Jefferies said counter positions mean its net

exposure was just \$38 million.

"Recent reports and calculations appear to have been focusing only on long inventory of \$2.684 billion but not taking into account the fact that there were offsetting short positions in such sovereign debt of \$2.545 billion as well as offsetting positions in futures instruments," said the firm.

But investors remained skittish.

"Everyone is worried that Jefferies could become a new MF," said Gregori Volokhine of Meeschaert Capital.

"It is not the case, but when the seeds of doubt are planted in the minds of investors and customers it's very bad. This is the damage."

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Debra Kelley and Detlef Wybenga tied the knot in Aruba



Debra Kelley and Detlef Wybenga from Simi Valley California are one of the many couples that have decided for Aruba as their Wedding and Honeymoon destination.

They first visited Aruba in Oct. 1999. The grooms parents Dr. Donald and Mrs. Margit Wybenga invited them to come and share their vacation. They have been owners at Casa del Mar and LaCabanana for the past 25 years. They had a great time, and have returned every other October ever since to rejoin them on the island. They live in Michigan, but have made Aruba their home away from home every Febr. and Oct.

At this trip after 30 years as soul mates, they decided to make their final commitment. and announced to their family that they wanted to get married. A big surprise foreveryone!

They both love Aruba, and have always dreamed about getting married here. So on their "seventh" visit to the island, they decided to bring the necessary documents and went to the Town Hall, met with a kind and helpful Betto Christiaans, who confirmed a wedding date for them.

That's when the magic began. With the help of a loving and supporting family a beautiful wedding that would have normally taken months to plan – just fell into place. Everything was perfect! The week before their wedding was very busy, and so much fun. They were able to shop



for rings, wedding clothes, photographer, flowers, cake, and make arrangements for two very special days of celebration.

Everywhere they went, it worked. Everything was perfect, as if it was meant to be.

God blessed them with sunshine on both of their wedding days.

On the morning of 10-26-11 they were greeted by a white stretch limosine, this was a special gift and huge surprise. With their family we drove to the Aruban Town Hall where we were married in a civil ceremony at 11.30 am with Mom and Dad Wybenga as their witnesses.

The limo then carried the wedding party to the beach where they took pictures, and shared smiles and kisses in the sand. They then proceeded to Tierra del Sol where their parents arranged a fun filled weddingday reception in a picture perfect setting. They toasted with champagne, had a deli-


cious lunch, complete with wedding cake. It was an amazing day which ended at the Westin where we had a fantastic honeymoonnight, and next day in the sun.

They really wanted their marriage to be blessed, so the next evening 10-27-11 at sunset on Punto Bravo Beach where they joined their family again to take their vows. They were joined as husband and wife by Reverend Jacobs in a beautiful ceremony with the sand, sea, sunset and a feeling of God's power and presence surrounding us. That made their union complete.


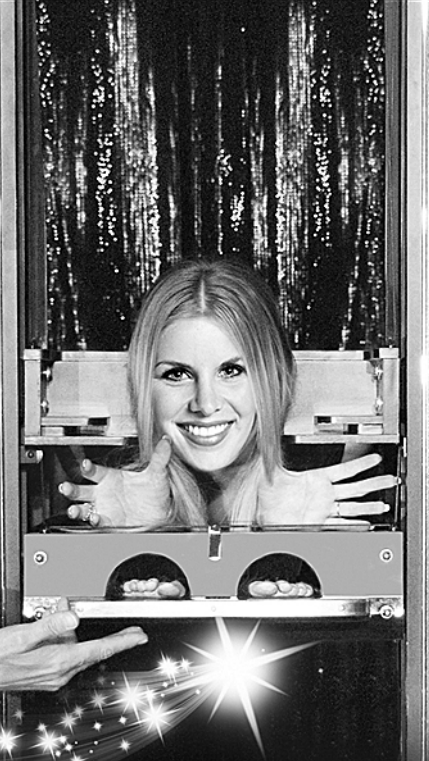
A few steps away they celebrated their love with a very romantic wedding reception dinner joined by their family at Matthews Restaurant on the sand. It was the best it could be, a magical evening.

Thanks to all the pleasant and helpful people of Aruba. Truly "One Happy Island"

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Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers,

airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for

high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee. Concierge services to arrange



parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable TV,

rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: www.goldcoast-aruba.com to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.



Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S. franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers



Rosie and Aaron love their burger too



Gouda Burger 2

what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are

made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe battered gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

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Aussies, Helio back at Penske for 2012 IndyCar



Will Power(file photo)

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Australian drivers Will Power and Ryan Briscoe and Brazilian Helio Castroneves will return to drive for car owner Roger Penske in the 2012 IndyCar season, Penske Racing announced on Thursday.

The trio of drivers have combined for 21 victories in the past three seasons and Power has battled Scotsman

Dario Franchitti for the season points title the past two years, settling for second each time.

"The combination of Helio, Ryan and Will has been a formidable one on the track and they work very well together as teammates," Penske Racing president Tim Cindric said.

"Our goal all along has been to continue running three cars and thanks to our terrific partners, we have been able to make everything work from the business side.

There was concern that Briscoe might be lured away by rival Andretti Autosport, which needs a driver to replace Danica Patrick, the US driver who is departing to drive in the US stock car series.

Englishman Dan Wheldon had agreed to take the job on Michael Andretti's team the day he was killed in a crash during an October 16 race at Las Vegas.

Nadal to miss Paris Masters

PARIS (AFP) - World number two Rafael Nadal of Spain said Thursday he will not be playing in the Paris Masters at the Bercy stadium next week.

With the London ATP World Tour Finals season-end and also the Davis Cup final coming up Nadal said on his Facebook page he would be skipping Paris with regret.

"Hi all. I won't be playing this upcoming week the tournament in Paris Bercy. It's

been a difficult decision to take but I understand that it is what I need to do right now to prepare well for the end of this season and also for 2012," said Nadal.

"I hope I can be back in 2012 to that great event in the most beautiful city in the world, and hopefully try to win it one day."

Nadal was a finalist at the event in 2007 but missed Bercy last year.

Swimming star Thorpe admits comeback 'may fail'



SINGAPORE (AFP) - Swimming legend Ian Thorpe admitted Thursday that his ambitious comeback from retirement was probably doomed to failure as he prepares for his first race in five years.

The five-time Olympic gold-medallist also played down his rivalry with American star Michael Phelps, which could be one of the highlights of next year's London Games.

Thorpe, 29, said he was nervous before returning to action at this week's short-course

World Cup event in Singapore but had accepted that he may not be a winner again.

"I looked at it and I said, 'You know what? The chances are you're probably going to fail at this'. And I was comfortable with that fact. If you can become comfortable that, you can actually accomplish anything," he said.

"It (failure) still is the most likely outcome and frankly I don't care. I like what I'm doing, I like the training that I'm doing and I love that I have

this opportunity."

But Thorpe, who remained hopeful of returning to his best form, said he was not motivated by thoughts of facing 14-time Olympic champion Phelps, who once idolised the Australian.

Thorpe stunned swimming when he announced his retirement in 2006, aged just 24, and February's surprise announcement of a comeback had a similar effect.

Australia coach Leigh Nugent said Thorpe looked in great shape and backed his decision not to swim freestyle in Singapore as he eases his way back into competition.

"He looks pretty good to me. Technically he's excellent... physically he looks as good as he's ever looked," Nugent said, adding that Thorpe was enjoying being back in the Australian team.

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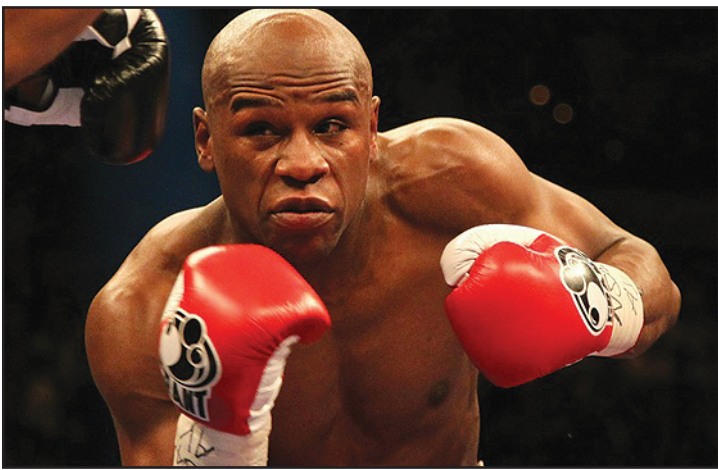
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Boxing: Advisor says Floyd wants Pacquiao in May



Floyd Mayweather AFP/Photo

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Floyd Mayweather will return to the

ring on May 5, 2012, and his advisor told ESPN that he wants to finally fight Filipino icon Manny Pacquiao in a much-anticipated showdown.

The US-based sports network's website reported Thursday that Leonard Ellerbe says Mayweather, 42-0 with 26 knockouts, wants the biggest possible fight for his next bout, with none more long-awaited than a slugfest with Pacquiao.

Fight fans also know how painful the last talks were about putting Pacquiao and Mayweather in the ring together.

Talks in 2009 fell apart when Mayweather insisted on extra blood tests beyond those typical for Las Vegas matchups.

Pacquiao did not want the disruption of random testing so close to the fight and talks fell apart on what could be the top-grossing fight in boxing

history.

Mayweather, 34, still faces a slander lawsuit from Pacquiao over comments made while trying to push the blood tests, the Asian superstar claiming that Mayweather called him a dope cheat.

Mayweather says he only questioned why Pacquiao would not take blood tests near fight night.

Mayweather took a 16-month break from boxing between a victory over Shane Mosley in May of last year and a knockout of Victor Ortiz on September 17.

The move comes as Pacquiao prepares to face Mexico's Juan Manuel Marquez on November 12 at Las Vegas and follows a history of Mayweather liking to talk up his bouts as Pacquiao prepares to fight.

Mayweather still faces two court dates; the first today for poking a security guard in the face in a confrontation over parking tickets last November.

A December 21 evidence hearing is also set on felony and misdemeanor charges against Mayweather over an altercation with former girlfriend Josie Harris and their two children.

Mayweather, whose attorneys have denied any wrongdoing by their client, faces up to 34 years in prison if convicted of striking and threatening Harris, stealing her mobile phone and threatening their children.

Jones set to defend ..

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But only made his first title defense last October, stopping Russia's Valery Brudov in the 11th round in Panama.

Jones was to have fought last June against unbeaten American Ryan Coyne but Jones tripped when leaving the ring after a training session and suffered a back injury. Jones has adopted a more relaxed pre-fight regimen this week.

"I'm actually very relaxed. I've done all my work. I know what I'm going to do," Jones said.

"My message to Mike

Marrone is simple: Don't make it harder than it has to be. Don't make me hurt you more than I have to. Don't be too brave."

Marrone, a home-area fighter, said he longed to take a title belt that has been worn by Evander Holyfield and Jean-Marc Mormeck among others.

"I'll do everything I can to take away his belt," Marrone said. "I've trained hard and I feel fast and strong. I don't feel like an underdog. I feel this will be an even competition."

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Djokovic powers up his game with quick Basel win



Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns a ball to Poland's Lukasz Kubot

BASEL (AFP) - Novak Djokovic crushed Lukasz Kubot 6-2, 6-4 as the top seed at the Swiss Indoors showed on Thursday that his untouchable form is rapidly returning after six weeks out with injury. Djokovic, who had to struggle in his opening match over three sets, was absolutely untroubled by the Polish qualifier ranked 64th in the world, going through to the quarter-finals in just 54 minutes.

"Today was a really comfortable match," said the world number one. "I felt good on court. I'm happy to be playing better."

"This was the goal, I expected that I would struggle with rhythm after not playing for six weeks. But I have no complaints with my game."

Champion in 2009 and a losing finalist against Roger Federer in 2010, Djokovic will now face in-form Florian Mayer, who followed up a

third-round upset of Rafael Nadal in Shanghai with a 6-3, 6-1 defeat of Ivan Ljubicic.

"I'm surprised by this win, but I have so much confidence from beating Nadal. I know on my best game I can defeat anyone," said the 22nd-ranked Mayer.

Djokovic lifted his impressive 2011 record to 66 wins and three defeats as he won again after overcoming a back injury that he called the worst of his career.

Japan's Kei Nishikori continued his Shanghai momentum after a run to the semifinals in China.

The 21-year-old, who stands as Asia's best-ranked player with a 32nd ranking, easily overcame Italian Andreas Seppi 6-3, 7-6 (7/4).

The week ended early for American James Blake, with the 31-year-old exiting at the hands of Mikhail Kukushkin 6-3, 6-4.

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Boxing: Jones set to defend cruiserweight crown



HOLLYWOOD (AFP) - Panama's Guillermo Jones will defend his World Boxing

Association cruiserweight crown on Saturday against American Mike Marrone, who drops down from heavy-weight for his first world title fight.

The 39-year-old Panamanian, nicknamed "The Cat", has defended his crown only once since winning it in 2008 due to a series of injuries.

"The Cat is very hungry and the Cat is ready to bite," Jones said. "The cruiserweight title is important for me. I will never let it go easily."

Jones, 37-3 with two

drawn and 29 knockouts, is 15-1-1 since 1998 and seeks his seventh victory in a row while Marrone is 20-3 with 15 knockouts.

"Remember, remember the fifth of November," Jones said, a nod to fight night falling on the same day as Guy Fawkes was caught with barrels of gunpowder under the English Houses of Parliament in 1605.

Jones took the crown in September of 2008 with a 10th-round stoppage of German southpaw Firat Arslan in Hamburg.

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